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[uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register](https://uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register)

## Outreach, Websites, Claims Assistance, Events, and Resources



**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND  
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[veterans.utah.gov](https://veterans.utah.gov)



**CLAIMS ASSISTANCE CALENDAR**  
[veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar](https://veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
[veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar](https://veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar)



**COORDINATION OF VETERANS  
SERVICES**  
[veterans.utah.gov/coordination-of-veteran-services](https://veterans.utah.gov/coordination-of-veteran-services)

## Upcoming Events — [veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar](https://veterans.utah.gov/events-calendar)

### NOVEMBER

**Wednesday– 1 November • 1730**  
 St. George Veterans Legal Clinic  
 • CBOC 230 No. 1680 East, Bldg. N  
 St. George, UT

**Thursday– 02 November • 1700 - 2030**  
 Stop Fraud Utah  
 • Dixie Center St. George, UT

**Saturday– 04 November • TBD**  
 SUVH Golf Scramble  
 • Sun River St. George, UT

**Monday– 06 November • 1000 - 1400**  
 UVU Veterans Day Exhibit  
 • WB100, 800w University Parkway UT

**Tuesday– 07 November • 1100 - 1500**  
 Hiring Utah's Heroes  
 • South Towne Expo, Sandy, UT

**Wednesday– 08 November • 1800**  
 Ice Cream Social w Senator Anne Milner  
 • UT State Capitol, SLC, UT

**Friday– 10 November • 1900**  
 Utah National Guard Veterans Concert  
 • The Tabernacle on Temple Square, SLC, UT

**Friday– 10 November • 1300**  
 Veterans Day Celebration  
 • George E Wahlen VH, Ogden, UT

**Saturday– 11 November • 0900**  
 Layton Veteran's Day Parade  
 • Layton, UT

**Saturday– 11 November •**  
 Stan Snow 5k Fun Run  
 • SUVH, Ivans, UT

**Saturday– 11 November • 1730 - 1900**  
 West Valley City Veterans Day  
 • Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
 West Valley City, UT

**Saturday– 11 November • 1100 -1300**  
 Farmington Veterans Day Ceremony  
 • Farmington City Cemetery, Ogden, UT

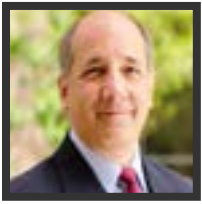
**Tuesday– 14 November • 1400 - 1700**  
 Apprenticeship Job Fair  
 • Department of Workforce Services,  
 140 e 300 s, SLC, UT

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday– 6 December • 1730**  
 St. George Veterans Legal Clinic  
 • CBOC 230 No. 1680 East, Bldg. N  
 St. George, UT

**Friday– 15 December • 1300**  
 So. Korea Ceremony  
 Ambassador of Peace Medal  
 • Capitol Rotunda, SLC UT





## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**Gary Harter, Executive Director**

*Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs*

**T**his edition of the Veterans Voice is indeed focused on honoring all of those who wore a military uniform of this great country. We thank all of you for your service to the nation, the state and your community. You raised your hand and swore an oath to the Constitution, to selflessly serve give of yourself on behalf of others, and to uphold our freedoms and liberties. On this Veterans Day we celebrate your service and commitment to all of us.

This past week I had the opportunity to be in Hawaii and visit the Arizona Memorial. It is truly humbling to be there, to, in some way, try to understand what happened that day, witness the entrance of the United State into World War II and honor all of those who perished. The other thing that was inspiring was the resolve that was demonstrated as all but three of the damaged and destroyed ships were brought back into service, it speaks to the determination of the American spirit to get things done when it appears the darkest hour. And that is evidenced by the USS Missouri, which is moored essentially next to the Arizona Memorial, which is truly the end of World War II, as where the Japanese treaty was signed.

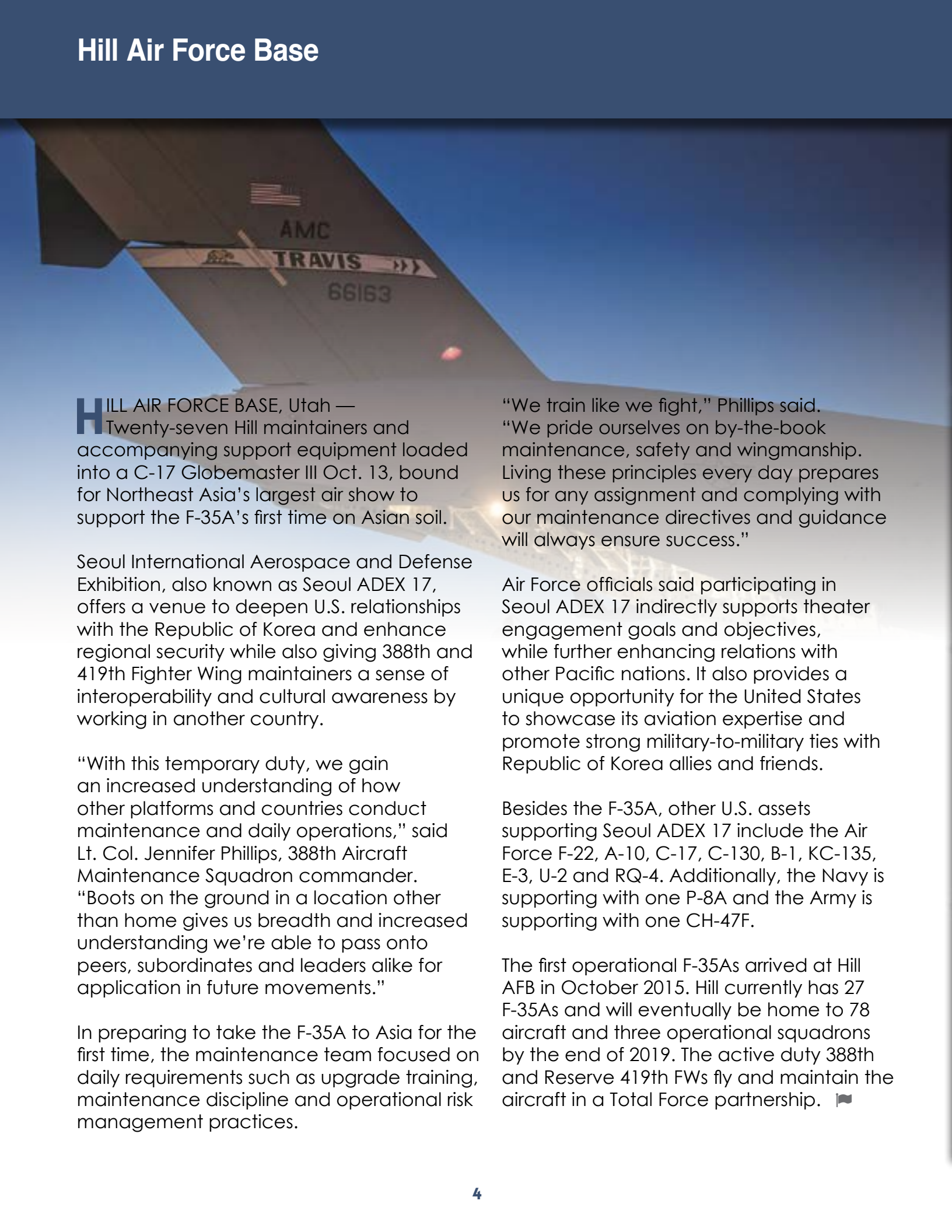
Also earlier this Fall, I had the distinct honor and privilege to accompany an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on behalf of Governor Herbert, who sponsored the flight. Forty-seven World War II and Korean war veterans participated in the flight and it was humbling to be in their presence. We visited Fort McHenry in Baltimore, and then the on Friday we visited the World War II Memorial (Governor Herbert joined us there) as well as Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, National Archives, Navy Memorial (again Governor Herbert joined us), Air Force Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and Iwo Jima Memorial. Before departing DC on Saturday, we toured the Air and Space Museum large exhibit annex at Dulles. Wherever we went, the veterans were warmly received and cheered, especially at the airports. I can't say enough about how good the personnel from Utah Honor Flights are in making the entire trip a huge success. Also a great shout out to the Patriot Guard who honor each flight.

We never forget that our freedoms are secured by those who serve, past, present and future. We thank you for your service and wish you and your families all the best this Veterans Day. 🇺🇸

Gary



# Hill Air Force Base



**H**ILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — Twenty-seven Hill maintainers and accompanying support equipment loaded into a C-17 Globemaster III Oct. 13, bound for Northeast Asia's largest air show to support the F-35A's first time on Asian soil.

Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition, also known as Seoul ADEX 17, offers a venue to deepen U.S. relationships with the Republic of Korea and enhance regional security while also giving 388th and 419th Fighter Wing maintainers a sense of interoperability and cultural awareness by working in another country.

"With this temporary duty, we gain an increased understanding of how other platforms and countries conduct maintenance and daily operations," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Phillips, 388th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. "Boots on the ground in a location other than home gives us breadth and increased understanding we're able to pass onto peers, subordinates and leaders alike for application in future movements."

In preparing to take the F-35A to Asia for the first time, the maintenance team focused on daily requirements such as upgrade training, maintenance discipline and operational risk management practices.

"We train like we fight," Phillips said. "We pride ourselves on by-the-book maintenance, safety and wingmanship. Living these principles every day prepares us for any assignment and complying with our maintenance directives and guidance will always ensure success."

Air Force officials said participating in Seoul ADEX 17 indirectly supports theater engagement goals and objectives, while further enhancing relations with other Pacific nations. It also provides a unique opportunity for the United States to showcase its aviation expertise and promote strong military-to-military ties with Republic of Korea allies and friends.

Besides the F-35A, other U.S. assets supporting Seoul ADEX 17 include the Air Force F-22, A-10, C-17, C-130, B-1, KC-135, E-3, U-2 and RQ-4. Additionally, the Navy is supporting with one P-8A and the Army is supporting with one CH-47F.

The first operational F-35As arrived at Hill AFB in October 2015. Hill currently has 27 F-35As and will eventually be home to 78 aircraft and three operational squadrons by the end of 2019. The active duty 388th and Reserve 419th FWs fly and maintain the aircraft in a Total Force partnership. 🇺🇸





## Army Veteran Declares Victory on a 50 - Year Battle

Veteran Clinton Lanier was “sick and tired of being sick and tired.” Read how the Savannah VA Medical Center’s STAR program taught him skills to help cope with addiction and how to set realistic goals.

To read the full article visit: [https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/NewsFeatures/2017/October/Army\\_Veteran\\_declares\\_victory\\_on\\_a\\_50\\_year\\_battle.asp](https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/NewsFeatures/2017/October/Army_Veteran_declares_victory_on_a_50_year_battle.asp)

## VA Seeks Partnership to Build and Improve Health-care Facilities

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released a Request for Information (RFI) seeking interest from potential partners who want to support efforts to build world-class health-care facilities for America’s Veterans.

To read more go to: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2964>



## VA, Ginnie Mae Create Task Force to Address Mortgage Refinancing Issues

WASHINGTON — Today, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the formation of the Joint Ginnie Mae – VA Refinance Loan Task Force.

To read more go to: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2962>

## VA Selects Providers for Dental Insurance Program

WASHINGTON — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to once again offer private dental insurance plans as part of the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP).

To read more go to: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2956>



# Utah National Guard



## Utah National Guard Stands Tall During Annual Governor's Day

By Maj. Choli Ence  
JFHQ, UTNG

BLUFFDALE, Utah - Soldiers and Airman of the Utah National Guard (UTNG) participated in the 63rd annual Governor's Day parade Sept. 16 at Camp Williams to pay tribute to their commander and chief.

The festivities began with a helicopter flyover, a 19-volley cannon salute to honor Gov. Gary R. Herbert and music provided by the UTNG 23rd Army Band before the pass-in-review of nearly 7,000 Soldiers and Airman. This year was also a somber reminder of the sacrifices made by Guardsman and their families for our freedom and our American ideals as Staff Sgt. Aaron Butler, who lost his life in Afghanistan last month, was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Butler's parents and finance were also honored and recognized for their sacrifices by both Herbert and Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.

Herbert reminded those in attendance, "The service of Butler and other members of his... team is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service that we see exemplified here today."

As Soldiers and Airman stood shoulder to shoulder on Tarbet field, Burton reminded those in attendance why he continues to serve in the military.

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"I wear this uniform because I have never worked with a group of finer people. People who have adapted to the Army and Air Force values and who really live what they say they believe."

The National Guard has a unique role in our nation's defense with both a state and national mission, which is highlighted by the Guardsman's currently serving overseas, as well as, deployed in support of Hurricane Harvey and in response to the fires in Weber county. "...Very few organizations have the ability and versatility to react so quickly, which is characteristic and expected of our Utah Guardsman," said Herbert.

Each year, Governor's Day also serves as a way for Guard leadership to recognize the outstanding Soldiers and Airman within the ranks.

Following the parade, service members were released to enjoy the kid friendly activities, car show and food booths with their families. The pass-in-review is a long-standing military tradition dating back to the American Revolution and serves as a way for commanders to formally inspect their formations.

Governor's Day is an annual event held in September at Camp Williams that is free and open to the public. 🇺🇸



## DEPARTMENT OF **WORKFORCE SERVICES**

### **W**orkforce Service Annual Veterans Training Conference

The Department of Workforce Services held their Annual Veterans Training Conference September 14-15. The event kicked off with a tribute to fallen comrades with a POW/MIA table. Participants also honored the 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I with a Soldier's Cross featuring equipment from that conflict.

Workforce Services Executive Director Jon Pierpont and Veteran and Military Affairs Executive Director Gary Harter gave a joint briefing on the success of the previous year's call to action. Major achievements included a 2.5-week reduction in the average time veterans spent on unemployment insurance, an increase in the proportion of older veterans gaining employment and a major increase in the hiring of veterans within the Department of Workforce Services itself. They also introduced the new call to action for the

next year, which will focus on veterans who are underemployed and veterans who have been incarcerated.

Pierpont and Harter recognized five Workforce Services staff members with the Eagle Award for their exemplary work with veterans over the past year. Award recipients were Bret Irons, Art Fracchia, Jolie Jacobson, Carol Conti and Worley Pace.

Guest speaker Major General Brian Tarbet, United States Army (ret) addressed the conference on the second day. He spoke about driving around Utah and being reminded of the great sacrifice made by the military and their families each time he passes through community where a someone was laid to rest after offering the ultimate sacrifice for their country. 🇺🇸



# Project Homeless Connect



Thousands filled Hall 5 of the Salt Palace to help the homeless in our community as part of Salt Lake City's Project Homeless Connect. The event targeted the wider homeless population, but VA Salt Lake City Health Care System (VASLCHCS) and the Utah Department of Veteran and Military Affairs used the event to touch base with homeless Veterans.

As a homeless person came through the doors into the hall, hundreds of volunteers greeted them. A volunteer guided each homeless person to the resources they needed most.

The first question each volunteer asked was "Are you a Veteran?" A "yes" answer and the volunteer offered to take homeless Veterans to a corner of the hall specifically for them. In that corner, staff from the VASLCHCS homelessness program eagerly waited to help these homeless heroes.

Project Homeless Connect billed itself as a one-day, one-stop event for the homeless. They could get haircuts, a massage, and even care for their four-legged friends. In addition, homeless Veterans could access resources specifically for them. Staff could enroll Veterans for healthcare, and the Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (HPACT) offered vaccines and screenings.

Additional Veteran services included: VA's Homeless Outreach, Substance Abuse (SOAR), Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF), Audiology, Dental, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), and Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO). The Utah Department of Veteran and Military

Affairs helped educate homeless Veterans about the benefits offered by state and local governments.

Vietnam Veteran, William, who has been living on the streets since May, worked with VA Social Worker Amanda Yanni to get a place to live through the HUD-VASH Program, and then went right to the next booth to work on a disability claim with staff from VBA.

"I like that everything is right here," said William, and right there by his side helping guide him through the hall, his volunteer, recently retired Marine Veteran, Ryan.

"I wanted to be able to help a fellow Veteran," said Ryan. "He [William] knows exactly what things he is looking for, and I just want to get him there."

VASLCHCS homeless outreach team typically holds their own Stand Down for Homeless Veterans every year, but decided to take part in this community wide event.

"This is a community of caring," said Kristy Hamilton, VA Homeless Program Supervisor, referring to all the service providers coming together to help the homeless. "If we touch Veterans, who aren't already in our programs, I consider it a success."

By that measure, Project Homeless Connect should be considered a success for homeless Veterans. In all, 26 Veterans attended the event—out of those 23 were Veterans who were not previously connected with VA's homeless program. That's 23 Veterans closer to the goal of ending Veteran homelessness. 🚩





### **Honor Returns**

A dad and son embrace; both are sobbing. Two years earlier they were barely speaking. There is not a dry eye in the courtroom.

"There is no other day quite like graduation day in Veterans Court. This is the pay off." Says Amy Earle, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator.

Today four men celebrate freedom and family as they begin a new chapter in their lives. This new chapter does not include lawyers, judges or jail cells. All four Veterans have their honor back, and pledge to never go back to the way things were.

### **Life after Military Service**

Ronald Gurule is a retired Army 1st Sergeant with 21 years of honorable service. The 11 Bravo quickly showed his leadership prowess rising through the ranks quickly. He saw a lot over his long career which includes several difficult deployments to Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the Army Gurule was the boss, a leader whose primary focus was to always bring his men back. He did it for over two decades and he did it exceptionally well, and then it was over, "I don't fit. I'm nothing here." Gurule told the courtroom. "Civilian life was a culture shock."

Gurule quickly spiraled downward abusing drugs and alcohol and eventually getting

into trouble with the law. He faced a difficult choice: Get clean and complete the Veterans Court Program or go to prison.

At first, he admits to just going through the motions of the program but it wasn't long before he realized the blessing he had been given. Gurule could be a leader again.

### **No Veterans Left Behind**


With a Veterans Court coin firmly in the palm of his hand, Gurule addresses the court, his family and his Veteran Court peers. He's humbled by the help and support and inspired by new hope for the future. "I am like the old me now on steroids," he jokes.

"I am a born leader and we are expected to be leaders in the community now. You all will figure it out too. We need to stick together, stand out and take care of each other."

### **Veterans Court Success**

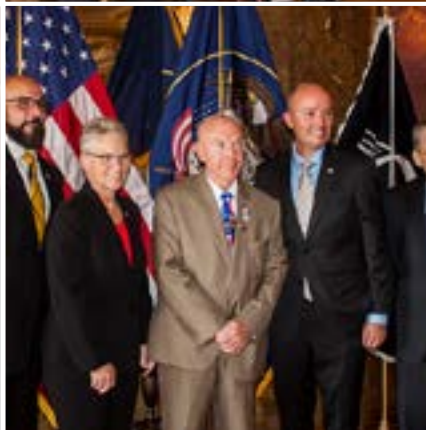
Our Veterans Justice Outreach Program works to align Veterans in the criminal justice system with the benefits they have earned. The hope is that through treatment and support, Veterans can reclaim their lives.

The VA Salt Lake City Health Care System facilitates Veterans Courts at the Federal, State and Municipal levels.

There are currently 34 Veterans participating in 3rd District Veterans Treatment Court. Since its inception in 2015, the court has had 18 successful graduations. 

# POW/MIA

Honorable Event Held September 26, 2017 @ Utah State Capitol





# Utah National Guard

## Governor's Day Celebration



# Hiring Utah's Heros



**H**iring Utah's Heroes is a statewide initiative to help members of the National Guard and Reserve, Active Duty Service Members, transitioning service members, Veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment opportunities. Initiated by the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition, the mission of this program is to develop and promote supportive work environments for our currently serving military members and veterans and to connect them directly with employment opportunities and resources, veteran's service providers and supportive employers.

Since its inception in November 2011, this program has sponsored over 25 Career, Hiring and Benefits Fairs throughout the state. Over 8,000 military members, veterans and military spouses have attended these events that have featured over 2,000 of the state's top employers. It should also be noted that at these events over 14,000 resumes have been accepted and 2,600 on-the-spot interviews have been conducted resulting in over 1,600 job offers being extended. Additionally

at these events veterans and military members are afforded the opportunity to meet with a team of professionals from the Veterans Administration to discuss current veteran's benefits, healthcare, education and training, business opportunities and other veteran related opportunities that they may be eligible for.

The Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition is sponsored by the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, Utah Department of Workforce Services, National Guard Employment Support Program, Utah Transition Assistance Advisor, Utah Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Utah Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS), Salt Lake Chamber and Top of Utah Chamber Military Affairs Committees, and many other local partners.

Job Fair will be held November 7, 2017 @ 11a.m. at South Towne Expo Center in Sandy UT. 🇺🇸





## University of Utah's 20th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration

Each year, the University selects eleven remarkable Utah veterans from across the state to be honored in a full military dress ceremony that includes a bagpipe procession, presentation of medallions, and a cannon salute. The week will include many commemorative events open to the public, including:

Wednesday, November 8: Panel discussion called Identity and Service: The Experiences of Unexpected Minorities in the US Military; 12 p.m., Hinckley Institute Caucus Room (Building 73, Room 110); free to the public.

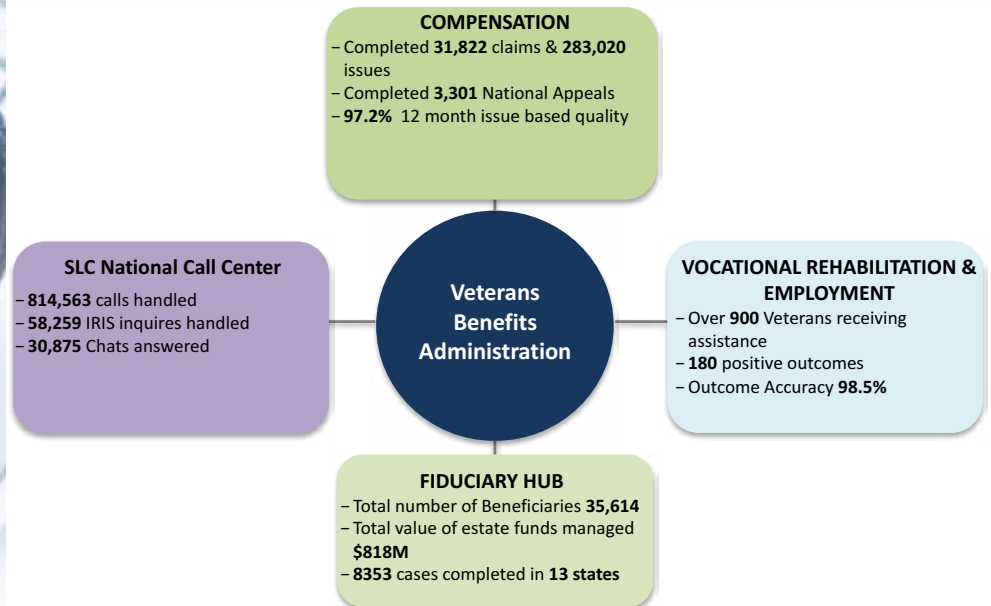
Thursday, November 9: When War Comes Home, a film about war's aftereffects on veterans and families; presented by the film's producers and the U's National Center for Veterans Studies; 4 p.m., Ft. Douglas Theater; free to the public.

Friday, November 10: The University's Veterans Day Commemoration; 10:30 a.m., Union Ballroom; free to the public.

Saturday, November 11: Football game with commemorative events, Utah vs. Washington State; time TBD, Rice-Eccles Stadium.

From veterans on campus to those nationwide, the University of Utah is honored to serve our nation's veterans through education, research, support, and service every day of the year. For more information, visit [veterans.day.utah.edu](http://veterans.day.utah.edu). 🇺🇸

## How Salt Lake City Made a Difference in FY 2017



On October 13, 2017, Salt Lake City **National Call Center (NCC)** representative Condie Howell received a call from the Red Cross. The employee from the Red Cross advised Mr. Howell he had found a wallet in the Virgin Islands, which was recently devastated by a hurricane, and indicated it belonged to a Veteran. The wallet contained the Veteran's VA Identification Card, which is the reason he contacted the NCC. The wallet also contained credit cards and identification, but no phone contact or address in the Virgin Islands. Mr. Howell, being the great asset he is researched the number on the VA Identification Card and identified the Veteran.

Mr. Howell forwarded the information to his coach, Daniel DeLaO. Mr. DeLaO attempted

to contact the Veteran at the phone number of record, and made multiple attempts (as telephone service is still unreliable in that area) before contact was made with the Veteran. The Veteran was still in the Virgin Islands and was elated to hear his wallet had been found. Arrangements were made between the Veteran and the Red Cross employee to meet that very evening to retrieve his wallet and all its contents.

Given the devastation experienced in the Virgin Islands, even the smallest acts of kindness have the greatest impact. In this case, the Veteran, a U.S. Marine, wanted to make it clear that the positive impact of assisting him in retrieving his wallet was immense. 🇺🇸

## WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

VA SALT LAKE CITY

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



Jamie Clinton-Lont MS, CNP  
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- Urgent Care Appointments (allow 48 business hours)
- Walk-In Availability
- Primary Care: Diabetes, Heart Disease, Hyperlipidemia
- PAP Smears, Mammography, Bone Density studies
- Infertility Evaluation
- Contraception & Hormone Replacement
- Corticosteroid Joint & Trigger Point Injections
- Transgender Care

### DESIGNATED WOMEN'S HEALTH PROVIDER

- Skilled in women's Veteran healthcare
- Minimum of 2 Providers Per Outpatient Clinic

### OUTPATIENT CLINICS

- POCATELLO & IDAHO FALLS
- OREM
- OGDEN
- ROOSEVELT & ELKO
- SALT LAKE CITY
- ST. GEORGE
- WEST VALLEY CITY

### PROGRAMS & GROUPS

- Opioid Education & Monitoring
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- PTSD
- Trauma Sensitive Yoga
- Living with Chronic Conditions
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Aqua Therapy
- Warrior Renew
- Smoking Cessation
- Qigong
- Tia Chi
- **And MUCH MORE**

### SPECIALTY CARE

- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Psychiatry
- Social Work
- Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation
- Transition of Care Assistance

- o **Welcoming**
- o **Private & Safe**
- o **Family Bathrooms**
- o **Baby Changing Tables**
- o **Children Play Areas**

### **ENROLL**

Women Veterans Call Center: 855-VA-WOMEN

### **CRISIS**

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255



# Veterans Day Commemoration Events 2017

**Nov. 6:**

**UVU Veterans Day Exhibit**

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

@ WB100, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

**Nov. 7:**

**UVU Women Veteran Panel**

TBD

@ Fulton Library, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

**Nov. 8:**

**USU Veterans Day BBQ**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

@ Taggart Student Center, 0175 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84321

**UVU Veteran Appreciation**

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

@ Centre Stage, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

**U of U Veterans Panel Discussion**

12:00 pm

@ Hinckley Institute Caucus Room, Bldg. 73, Rm 110

**Nov. 9:**

**SLCC Veterans Day Flag Ceremony**

8:30 am

@ South City, Taylorsville, and Jordan campuses

**UVU Women Veteran Panel**

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

@ Fulton Library, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

**UVU Vietnam & Current Conflict Panels**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

@ CB101, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

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**William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home Veterans Day**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

@ WECSLVH, 700 Foothill Dr, Salt lake City, UT 84148

**U of U Veterans Day Film – When War Comes Home**

4:00 pm

@ Ft. Douglas Theater, 245 Fort Douglas Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT 84113

**Nov. 10:**

**UVU Veterans Day Celebration and Breakfast**

Breakfast

7:00 am – 11:00 am

@ Centre Stage, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

Ceremony

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

@ Ragan Theatre, 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, UT 84058

**DSU Veterans Day Ceremony**

9:00 am – 10:00 am

@ DSU Veterans Memorial, Encampment Mall, 345 S 900 East, St George, UT 84770

**Southern Utah Veterans Home Veterans Day Ceremony**

10:00 am

@ SUVH, 160 N. 200 E Street, Ivins, UT 84738

**Iron County Veterans Coalition Veterans Day Ceremony**

10:00 am – 10:30 am

@ Cedar City Veterans Park, 200 N. 200 E., Cedar City, UT 84720

**University of Utah Veterans Day Ceremony and Awards**

10:30 am

@ Ray Olpin Student Union, 200 S Central Campus Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84112

**SUU Veterans Observance Program**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

@ Hunter Conference Center, 301-557 W University Blvd, Cedar City, UT 84720

**Westminster College Veterans Day Ceremony**

11:00 am

@ 1840 S 1300 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84105

**Washington City Veterans Day Parade & Program**

12:00 pm

@ 75 W Telegraph St, Washington, UT 84780

**Utah State Veterans Day Speaker**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

@ Taggart Student Center, 0175 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84321

**George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home Veterans Day**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

@ GEWOVH, 1102 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT 84404

**SUU Student Veterans of America Veterans Day banquet**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

RSVP Required – veterans@suu.edu

@ Hunter Conference Center, 301-557 W University Blvd, Cedar City, UT 84720

**Utah National Guard 61st Annual Veterans Day Concert**

7:00 pm

@ The Tabernacle on Temple Square

**Veterans Dance**

8:00 pm

@ 907 W 12th St., Ogden, UT 84404

**Nov. 11:****Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast**

9:30 am

@ 7550 S Main Street, Midvale, UT 84047

**Veterans Day Ceremony**

10:45 am

@ Midvale City Cemetery, 471 W 6th Avenue, Midvale, UT 84047

**Mervyn S. Bennion Central Utah Veterans Home Veterans Day Ceremony and Open House**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

@ MSBCUVH, 1551 N Main Street, Payson, UT 84651

**Magna Veterans Day Parade**

11:00 am

@ 3100 S 8400 W, Magna, UT

**Farmington City Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony**

11:11 am – 12:00 pm

@ 500 S 200 E, Farmington, UT

**Layton City Veterans Day Remembrance**

Parade begins 11:11 am, following the parade there will be a ground breaking for the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Layton Commons Park.

@ 437 N Wasatch Dr, Layton, UT 84041

**West Valley City Veterans Day Program**

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:00 pm - Program

@ Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 W 3100 S, West Valley City, UT 84119

**Riverton Veterans Day Program**

6:30 pm

@ 12830 S Redwood Rd, Riverton, UT 84065

**Nov 15:**

**Weber State Veterans Day Program**

6:00 pm – Program

7:15 pm - Dinner

@ 2750 University Park Blvd, Bldg D3, 1st Floor Ballroom, Ogden UT 84408



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT?

A Utah permanent place-of-residence property tax abatement using the military service-connected disability rating percentage is available for disabled Veterans, their un-remarried widows, or minor orphans. The Veteran's disability rating must be at least 10% in order to qualify for this abatement.

Here is the formula used to determine eligibility: The maximum property tax abatement rated at 100% military service-connected disability is \$255,301. Multiply your percentage of disability by 255,301. Example: a 10% disability X 255,301 = \$25,530.10 tax abatement. This amount is then subtracted from the taxable value of the property and taxes are paid on the remaining amount.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT?

To apply for Utah Disabled Veterans Property Tax Abatement, request a Summary of Benefits Letter from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Once received, submit the letter with a completed Property Tax Abatement application, on or before 01 SEP, to the applicable county treasurer, tax assessor, or clerk / recorder located in the county courthouse or county government building of the county in which the property is located. All property must be on record as of 01 JAN of the year you wish to file. However, a recent change allows qualified widows and orphans an exemption to that rule. Disabled Veterans only have to file for the abatement one time; after which it will automatically renew each year. However, Veterans will have to re -file if:

- their service connected disability percentage changes
- the Veteran dies, sells the property, or no longer claims that property as the primary place of residence.

Ref: (Utah Code 59-2-1104 & 1105).

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL?

To have your name submitted to the Republic of Korea for receipt of the South Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal, complete the form found on our website (Stay Connected / Register) and e-mail or mail a copy of your DD-214 (Release from Active Duty Service Document) showing your service in the Korean Conflict to:

550 Foothill Drive, Suite 105  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84113.

Please include a short note indicating that you would like to be placed on the list to receive the South Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

Quick link to register is:

<https://uvisreg.utah.gov/vtsreg/public/Register> 🇺🇸



- all or a portion of their abatement is used towards tangible personal property

# Benefits & Resources



## **Camp Williams Medical Records:**

801-878-5120

## **CHAMPVA**

800-733-8387

## **Defense Finance & Accounting Services (DFAS):**

888-332-7411 or  
800-321-1080

## **eBenefits**

800-983-0937

## **Fisher House Foundation**

<https://www.fisherhouse.org/>  
&  
<http://www.fisherhousesaltlakecity.com/>  
801-588-5900 or x5900

## **Homeless Veterans Fellowship, Ogden**

801-392-7662

## **Medicare Customer Service:**

800-633-4227

## **National League of POW/MIA**

<http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/>

## **North Star Substance Abuse Program**

801-528-1565 Ext.  
1840/5405

## **Office Personnel Management (OPM):**

202-606-1800

## **Operation Home Front Post 9/11 Financial Assistance**

[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)  
888-305-1486

## **Outpatient Clinics**

Nephi: 435-623-3129  
Ogden: 801-479-4105  
Orem: 801-235-0953  
Roosevelt: 435-725-1050  
St. George: 435-634-7608 ext. 6000  
West Valley: 801-417-5734

## **Salt Lake City VA Homeless Program**

801-582-1565 ext. 2746

## **St. George Veterans Legal Clinic**

435-634-7608

## **The Road Home**

801-359-4142

## **Tri-Care West Region is United Health Care:**

877-988-9378

## **UTA Customer Service:**

801-743-3882

## **Utah DMV:**

800-368-8824

## **Utah Honor Flight**

435-272-0254  
<https://www.utahhonorflight.org/>

## **Utah National Guard Military Records:**

801-432-4558

## **Utah Veterans Legal Clinic**

<http://younglawyers.utahbar.org>  
&  
[www.representveterans.com](http://www.representveterans.com)

## **VA Caregiver Program post 9/11**

## **Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers**

[www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support\\_benefits.asp](http://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp)  
855-260-3274  
801-582-1565 ext. 6317  
**VA Debt Management:**  
800-827-0648

## **VA Dental Office:**

801-584-1206

## **VA Emergency Care Authorization within 72 hours**

888-795-0773

## **VA Enrollment**

801-584-2585

## **VA Fiduciary Hub:**

888-407-0144

## **VA GI Bill Education:**

888-442-4551

## **VA Home Front**

877-424-3838

## **VA Loan Office (in Colorado)**

888-349-7541

## **VA One Choice Card:**

866-606-8198

## **VA Patient Advocate office Direct Line:**

801-582-1565 Ext. 1900

## **VA Payment Problems**

888-795-0773

## **Valor House**

801-582-1565 ext. 2703  
or 800-613-4012 ext. 2703

## **Veteran, Spouse and Marriage Counseling Support Groups**

Provo: 801-377-1117  
Salt Lake: 801-266-1499  
St. George: 435-673-4494

## **Veterans Upward Bound**

801-626-7173

## **Veterans Vocational Rehab, Ogden**

8001-625-5057



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# Outreach Calendar

A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is scheduled to be at the location on the day and time indicated. Be advised that unforeseen events may cause the VSO to cancel or change a visit. Please verify this by calling the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA) at 801-326-2372 or by visiting the UDVMA website: <http://veterans.utah.gov/outreach-calendar/>

## Beaver DWS

- November 13, 0900 - 1000
- December 11, 0900 - 1000
- January 08, 0900 - 1000

## Cedar City

- November 07, 0900 - 1200
- November 21, 0900 - 1200
- December 05, 0900 - 1200
- December 19, 0900 - 1200
- January 05, 0900 - 1200
- January 23, 0900 - 1200

## Clearfield

- November 01, 1300 - 1400
- November 15, 1300 - 1400
- November 22, 1300 - 1530
- December 06, 1300 - 1530
- December 20, 1300 - 1530
- January 03, 1300 - 1530
- January 17, 1300 - 1530
- January 24, 1300 - 1530

## Farmington

- November 01, 1130 - 1400
- November 15, 1130 - 1230
- November 22, 1130 - 1230
- December 06, 1130 - 1230
- December 20, 1130 - 1230
- January 03, 1130 - 1230
- January 17, 1130 - 1230
- January 27, 1130 - 1230

## Ivins

- November 13, 0900 - 1500
- November 14, 0900 - 1500
- November 17, 0900 - 1500
- November 20, 0900 - 1500
- November 21, 0900 - 1500
- December 05, 0900 - 1500
- December 06, 0900 - 1500
- December 11, 0900 - 1500
- December 12, 0900 - 1500
- January 02, 0900 - 1500
- January 03, 0900 - 1500
- January 22, 0900 - 1500
- January 23, 0900 - 1500

## Kanab DWS

- November 13, 1400 - 1500
- December 11, 1400 - 1500
- January 08, 1400 - 1500

## Lehi DWS

- November 28, 0830 - 1500

## Logan DWS

- November 02, 0800 - 1000
- November 16, 0800 - 1000
- December 07, 0800 - 1000
- December 21, 0800 - 1000
- January 04, 0800 - 1000
- January 18, 0800 - 1000

## Manti DWS

- November 01, 1230 - 1400
- November 08, 1230 - 1400
- November 15, 1200 - 1400
- November 22, 1200 - 1400
- December 06, 1230 - 1400
- December 20, 1230 - 1400
- January 03, 1230 - 1400
- January 17, 1230 - 1400
- January 31, 1230 - 1400

## Ogden DWS

- November 01, 0800 - 1000
- November 15, 0800 - 1000
- November 22, 0800 - 1000
- December 06, 0800 - 1000
- December 19, 0800 - 1000
- January 17, 0800 - 1000

## Ogden Veterans Home

- November 02, 1100 - 1600
- November 09, 0800 - 1600
- November 16, 1100 - 1600
- November 30, 0800 - 1600
- December 07, 1100 - 1600
- December 14, 1100 - 1600
- December 21, 1100 - 1600
- January 04, 1100 - 1600
- January 11, 1100 - 1600
- January 18, 1100 - 1600
- January 25, 1100 - 1600

## Panguitch DWS

- November 13, 1130 - 1230
- December 11, 1130 - 1230
- January 08, 1130 - 1230

## Payson

- November 06, 0900 - 1530
- November 13, 0900 - 1530
- November 20, 0900 - 1530
- November 27, 0900 - 1530
- December 04, 0900 - 1530
- December 11, 0900 - 1530
- December 18, 0900 - 1530
- December 25, 0900 - 1530
- January 01, 0900 - 1530
- January 08, 0900 - 1530
- January 15, 0900 - 1530
- January 22, 0900 - 1530
- January 29, 0900 - 1530

## Price DWS

- November 07, 1000 - 1500
- November 21, 1000 - 1500
- December 5, 1000 - 1500
- December 19, 1000 - 1500
- January 02, 1000 - 1500
- January 16, 1000 - 1500

## Provo DWS

- November 09, 0830 - 1500
- November 16, 0830 - 1500
- November 23, 0830 - 1500
- November 30, 0830 - 1500
- December 07, 0830 - 1500
- December 21, 0830 - 1500
- January 04, 0830 - 1500
- January 18, 0830 - 1500

## Provo Vet Center

- November 01 & 02, 0830 - 1500
- November 08 & 09, 0830 - 1500
- November 15 & 16, 0830 - 1500
- November 22, 0830 - 1500
- November 29 & 30, 0830 - 1500
- December 06 & 07, 0830 - 1500
- December 13 & 14, 0830 - 1500
- December 20 & 21, 0830 - 1500
- December 27 & 28, 0830 - 1500
- January 03 & 04, 0830 - 1500
- January 10 & 11, 0830 - 1500
- January 17 & 18, 0830 - 1500
- January 24 & 25, 0830 - 1500
- January 30, 0830 - 1500

## Richfield DWS

- November 01, 0930 - 1130
- November 15, 0930 - 1130
- December 06, 0930 - 1130
- December 20, 0930 - 1130
- January 03, 0930 - 1130
- January 17, 0930 - 1130

## Roosevelt DWS

- November 14, 1000 - 1430
- December 12, 1000 - 1430
- January 09, 1000 - 1430

## Salt Lake VA Medical Cntr

- November 07, 1000 - 1200
- November 14, 1000 - 1200
- November 21, 1000 - 1200
- November 28, 1000 - 1200
- November 29, 1000 - 1200
- December 05, 1000 - 1200
- December 12, 1000 - 1200
- December 19, 1000 - 1200
- December 26, 1000 - 1200
- January 09, 1000 - 1200
- January 16, 1000 - 1200
- January 23, 1000 - 1200
- January 30, 1000 - 1200
- January 31, 1000 - 1200

## SLCC

- November 29, 1000 - 1200
- December 27, 1000 - 1200
- January 31, 1000 - 1200

## St. George

- November 02, 0900 - 1200
- November 16, 0900 - 1200
- December 07, 0900 - 1200
- December 21, 0900 - 1200
- January 11, 0900 - 1200
- January 25, 0900 - 1200

## Tooele DWS

- November 08, 1330 - 1500
- November 15, 1330 - 1500
- November 17, 1330 - 1500 \*BAO
- December 13, 1330 - 1500
- December 15, 0900 - 1200 \*BAO
- January 10, 1330 - 1500
- January 19, 1330 - 1500 \*BAO
- \*BAO - By Appointment Only

## USU

- November 02, 1000 - 1500
- December 07, 1000 - 1500
- January 04, 1000 - 1500

## ADDRESSES:

- Beaver DWS (875 North Main St.)
- Cedar City (176 East 2nd North)
- Clearfield (1290 East 1450 South)
- Delta DWS (44 South 350 East)
- Farmington (28 East State St.)
- Fillmore (75 West Center St.)

- Hill AFB (RAO, Building 430)
- Kanab DWS (468 East 300 South)
- Logan (180 North 100 West)
- Manti DWS (55 S. Main, ste 3)
- Ogden DWS (480 27th Street)
- Ogden Wahlen Veterans Home (1102 North 1200 West)

- Panguitch DWS (665 North Main St.)
- Price DWS (475 West Price River Dr.)
- Payson VH (1551 N. Main Street)
- Provo Courthouse (51 South University Ave.)
- Provo Vet Center (1807 N. 1120 W.)
- Provo DWS (1550 North 200 West)

- Richfield DWS (115 East 100 South)
- Roosevelt DWS (140 West 425 South)
- Salt Lake VA Medical Cntr. (500 Foothill Dr)
- SLCC (4600 South. Redwood Road)
- St. George (162 North 400 East)
- Tooele DWS Center (305 N Main St #100)
- USU (Utah State University)



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